

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1119-0-01 (ACCNO 5585)      Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: MATOCHA, DONALD JOHN      Date Status assigned: 5 Apr 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O #
Grade	01	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	31 Jan 1945	Weight	140 lb / 63.4 kg	Duty pos	PLTCMDR
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE  
UTM: 48QYD072593  
Lat/Long: 164833N / 1065640E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG TRI  
(formerly):  
Mission District: BEN HAI  
Mission Date: 5 Apr 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jul 93, May 92  
Investigations: Aug 93  
Surveys: Aug 93  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: GROUND SITE

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type:
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial:

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

11 December 1975

ON 5 APRIL 1968, 2LT DONALD J. MATOCHA WAS LEADING A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL NEAR CAM LO, SOUTH VIETNAM. WHILE CHECKING OUT A CAVE, LT MATOCHA'S PATROL CAME UNDER FIRE BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, SMALL ARMS, AND GRENADES BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY. DURING THE FIRE FIGHT, WHILE TRYING TO BREAK CONTACT, LT MATOCHA WAS HIT IN THE HEAD AND LEFT SHOULDER BY A BURST OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THE TEAM SET UP A DEFENSIVE POSITION AROUND ALL OF THE WOUNDED, AND AT THIS TIME A PATROL MEMBER CHECKED LT MATOCHA TO SEE IF HE WAS ALIVE.

HE REPORTED THAT LT MATOCHA WAS DEAD. GUNSHIPS IN THE AREA PROVIDED FIRE COVER WHILE A HELICOPTER ATTEMPTED TO EXTRACT THE TEAM BY SLING. THE TEAM HAD TO MOVE ABOUT 25 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION FOR THE EXTRACTION AND AT THE TIME THEY WERE RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE. LT MATOCHA'S BODY WAS NOT RECOVERED. THE FOLLOWING DAY ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH MARINES, WITH THE ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER, ATTEMPTED TO EXTRACT LT MATOCHA'S BODY, AT A POSITION ABOUT 150 METERS FROM THE BODY. THEY RECEIVED ENEMY MORTAR FIRE. BECAUSE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED, THE TEAM HAD TO WITHDRAW AGAIN LEAVING LT MATOCHA'S BODY BEHIND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD 072 593. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. 2LT MATOCHA IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

11 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> MSG, CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION, 100655Z APR 68. <2> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

2 February 1976

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM YD100600 TO YD072593 BASED ON MSG, 3D RECON BN. 070824Z APR 68.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

6 October 1993

ON 7 SEP 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1119 IN CAM TUYEN VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. VNOSMP OFFICIALS TRAVELLED TO CAM THANH AND CAM TUYEN VILLAGES, CAM LO DISTRICT BUT WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. IE2 SURVEYED THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION FOR THIS CASE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM ALSO QUESTIONED VILLAGERS NEAR THE SITE. NONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS HAD INFORMATION ON U.S. PERSONNEL. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WAS OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. (REF 2)



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CASE 1119-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 5 APRIL 1968, SECOND LIEUTENANT DONALD J. MATOCHA WAS LEADING A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL NEAR CAM LO WHEN THEY ENCOUNTERED HOSTILE FORCES. DURING THE BATTLE, LIEUTENANT MATOCHA WAS FATALLY WOUNDED IN THE HEAD AND SHOULDER BY A BURST OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THE PATROL WAS FORCED TO EVADE LEAVING HIS BODY BEHIND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD072593, APPROXIMATELY 5 KILOMETERS WEST OF CAM LO, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE FOLLOWING DAY HIS UNIT ATTEMPTED TO RECOVER HIS BODY BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO THE INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: MATOCHA, DONALD JOHN

RANK: SECOND LIEUTENANT, U.S. MARINE CORPS

DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS

WEIGHT: 63.4 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BROWN

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Tổ Tướng Thuật

Vào ngày mùng 5 tháng 4 năm 1968, Thiếu úy DONALD J. MATOCHA hướng dẫn một tuần thám gần Cam Lộ khi họ đụng độ lực lượng của địch. Trong khi chiến đấu, Thiếu úy MATOCHA bị thương ở đầu và vai bằng loạt đạn súng máy làm ông ấy chết. Cái tuần thám bị bắt buộc tránh né bỏ xác chết ông ấy lại ở gần tọa độ YD072593, cách Cam Lộ khoảng độ 5 cây số về phía tây, tỉnh Quảng Trị. Ngày sau, đơn vị của ông ấy cố gắng lấy lại xác chết của ông ấy nhưng không thành công vì hỏa lực dữ dội của địch.

Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên:	MATOCHA, DONALD JOHN
Cấp bậc:	Thiếu úy, Thủy Quân Lục Chiến Hoa Kỳ
Ngày sinh:	DATA
Chủng tộc:	Da trắng
Chiều cao:	1 thước 70
Cân nặng:	63 ki' 4
Màu tóc:	Nâu
Màu mắt:	Nâu

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 AUGUST 1993

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REFNO: 1120 (ACCNO 6272) Status: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 15 Mar 1974

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade		Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	DATA	Weight	149 lb / 67.5 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State		Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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